



Minutes of the
BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Crandall, Marty Milanowski, Steve Sandstrom and Jeremy Oswald

Members Present via TEAMS: Larry Fickbohm

Others Present: Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner and Cheri Deragon, Office Manager/Accountant

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Crandall.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Milanowski / Oswald and carried to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023

Audit vouchers: Vouchers were audited. A motion by Milanowski / Sandstrom and carried to approve the vouchers as presented totaling December 2022 \$249,704.12 and 2023 \$1,066,315.26.

Public Comment: Snowmobiles leaving ruts on the roads.

Mailbox Policy: We've had many instances this winter with operators damaging mailboxes because they aren't cleared of snow this winter. Some of these are from summer residents but many are from year round residents who haven't cleared snow keeping them from being visible while plowing and benching. The proposed change includes a resident's responsibility to keep mailboxes unobscured and clear of snow. Motion by Sandstrom / Milanowski and carried to approve mailbox policy as amended.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. Spring weight restrictions historically average from March 13 thru May 6.
- B. Our trial using enhanced brine and salt is proving to be partially positive.
 - a. Enhanced brine is extremely effective down to -5° compared to 15° standard brine. Recommend continued use and expand to other Highway Garages next winter.
 - i. This will require the purchase of 5 new 800 gallon storage tanks. Estimated cost of \$1,500 each.
 - b. Use of enhanced salt has proven to be effective, but we don't have adequate facilities to efficiently continue with its use.
 - i. Due to varying temperatures, we would need two salt storage facilities to allow use of either straight salt or enhanced salt depending on temperatures.
 - ii. We have started discussions with WisDOT to look at additional storage facilities.
- c. 2023 Projects
 - i. CTH N, CTH A to USH 63, 7.9 miles – Bid award to Northwoods Paving for \$2,730,034.76. Budgeted for \$3,411,000.
 - ii. CTH A, CTH N to Kelly Lake Road, 1.22 miles – bid opening April 20, 2023, 1:00 p.m. LRIP Grant will pay around half of the project.
 - iii. CTH E, USH 63 to Town Road 36, 4 miles – design contract with CTH and WisDOT.
 - iv. Cable Garage – bid opening April 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m. at C&S Design, Ashland. The garage will have three bays, extended 10' wider for office and bathroom, and will have a mezzanine for storage.

Committee Input:

- A. Positive comments on the new green lights on the plow trucks.
- B. Discussion on road conditions after winter with a lot of potholes.
- C. Discussion on depth of Pigeon Lake.

- D. DOT letter regarding both short and long bridge on STH 2.
- E. Discussion on living fence.
- F. Discussion on summer staff.
- G. Discussion on erosion maintenance.
- H. Discussion on ATV's open on county highways. Some people are in opposition to have it all open due to noise, dust, safety, speed, the machines getting bigger and the spreading of invasive species.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner
Bayfield County Highway Department

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